

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hemostatic agent for arresting the flow of blood and other protein containing body fluids flowing from an open wound and for promoting wound healing. One embodiment is directed to a substantially anhydrous admixture of an oxyacid salt and a hydrophilic proton donor which will hydrate in the presence of blood and body fluid to produce cations to promote blood clotting. The preferred oxyacid salts are alkali and alkaline earth salts of transition metals and halogen oxyacids with oxidizing capabilities sufficient to accelerate blood clotting. Another embodiment of the invention includes the compound containing an oxysalt plus a hydrophilic polymer such as carboxy methylcellulose, polyvinyl, alcohol, an alginate, and all soluble gums. Still another embodiment of the invention includes the compound formed of an oxyacid salt in combination with a hydrophilic proton donor and a solid desiccant which further accelerates blood coagulation reaction rates. The cation exchange material or an admixture of an alkali metal oxyacid salt plus acidic inorganic salt produces a scab or protective coating over the wound for protection and enhanced healing. Oxygen produced during the reaction substantially reduces the level of bacteria, virus and fungus at the wound.